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SAHEL RR

FOR S. BROWN SER/FM FROM PALOMBA

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SUBJ: PALOMBA/BLOCKS TDY SAHEL R & R

REFS: A. STATE 26827 B. STATE 018532

1. HAVE NOTED MEMO BY DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR WILLIAMS TO AA/AFR DATED JANUARY 21, 1974 WHICH STATES IN PART QTE: BECAUSE OF THE URGENCY OF THE RECOVERY PROGRAMS IN THE SAHEL AND THE TIME SAVED BY THIS PROCEDURE, THEY ARE APPROVED FOR A TEST PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS. WE SHOULD THEN CAREFULLY REVIEW OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THESE PROCEDURES. END QTE.

2. DURING OUR CURRENT VISIT TO DAKAR AND BAMAKO, HOST GOVT OFFICIALS AND AID OFFICERS HAVE PRAISED INNOVATIVE SAHEL R & R PROGRAM AND THE PROMISING ASPECTS OF ITS RESOURCE TRANSFER TECHNIQUE. RESULTS OF FAIR SIX MONTHS TEST PERIOD MAY REVEAL

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THAT R & R ASSISTANCE APPROACH COULD BE APPLIED, WITH CERTAIN

MODIFICATIONS, TO AID MID-TERM PROGRAMS IN SAHEL AREA. CONCLUSION REACHED IN REFTEL A PARA A. AND D. ON IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES FOR PHASE II SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ARRIVED AT WITHOUT BENEFIT OF PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS CALLED FOR IN WILLIAMS MEMO ON SIX-MONTH TEST PERIOD.

3. IT IS QUITE CLEAR AS RESULT OF CURRENT VISITS THAT NEXT FIVE WEEKS WILL PROVIDE CRITICAL PERIOD FOR SAHEL R&R PROGRAM. AADO OFFICERS WILL BE INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS AND/OR PRELIMINARY IMPLEMENTATION DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVT OFFICIALS TO INSURE ATTAINMENT OF GOALS OUTLINED IN AID/W APPROVED SAHEL PAADS. SEEMS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AT THIS CRITICAL TIME TO HAVE NEW TEAM OF AID REPRESENTATIVES ARRIVE IN SAHEL TO DISCUSS WITH SAME HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS DIFFERENT AID PROGRAMMING METHODOLOGY FOR MID- AND LONG-TERM APPROACH. DISCUSSIONS WILL MOST LIKELY PROVE CONFUSING TO HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS WHO FIND THE AID R&R APPROACH APT, INTRIGUING, BUT STILL UNTESTED.

4. STRONGLY URGE THAT VISIT OF MEDIUM-TERM TASK FORCE PER REFTEL A BE POSTPONED UNTIL AADO'S HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE R&R PROGRAM THROUGH CRUCIAL FIRST PHASE DURING UP-COMING FIVE WEEKS. FURTHER SUGGEST THAT TASK FORCE AVAIL THEMSELVES OF OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WILL EMERGE FROM ABIDJAN CONFERENCE IN MID-MARCH (SEE REFTEL B) BEFORE OPENING NEW ROUND OF BILATERAL PROGRAMMING DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL SAHEL COUNTRIES.

5. FINALLY, WE ARE CONFUSED BY REFERENCE IN FIRST PARA REFTEL A WITH RESPECT TO DESIRABLE LEVELS OF OBLIGATION BY JUNE 30, 1974. OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT OBLIGATION OF SAHEL FUNDS NOT RESTRICTED TO FY 74. APPRECIATE AID/W NEED TO IDENTIFY FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES BUT HOPE SUCH IDENTIFICATION CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT PREJUDGING OR IMPAIRING IMPACT OF PROGRAM STRATEGIES ALREADY APPROVED BUT STILL UNFOLDING.  
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